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**Final Thanksgiving Weekend Enforcement Results - 69 Arrested for DUI,**  
***DSP enforcement blitz nets 244 more for speed, 122 for seat belt violations***

**Dover** – A total of 435 people were arrested for impaired driving, speeding and seat belt violations according to the final results of a Thanksgiving holiday enforcement blitz conducted by Delaware's State and local law enforcement agencies. The enforcement activities launched the Office of Highway Safety's holiday traffic safety initiative, the 10<sup>th</sup> annual *Safe Family Holiday campaign*.

In all, 69 people were arrested for Driving Under the Influence (DUI) of alcohol and/or drugs over the weekend. A sobriety checkpoint conducted by the New Castle County DUI Task Force yielded 29 of the 69 DUI arrests, and nearly two dozen county and municipal police agencies operated DUI saturation patrols throughout the weekend, arresting another 20 for DUI.

The remaining 20 DUI arrests from the holiday weekend came from Delaware State Police as part of an aggressive statewide effort, in partnership with the Office of Highway Safety, to keep the roads safe. Fourteen of the DUI arrests occurred at checkpoints held in all three counties, and 6 more were from troopers conducting saturation patrols. Additionally, nearly 70 patrols aimed at stopping speeding, aggressive and unbelted drivers, resulted in 244 arrests for speeding violations, 122 seat belt citations, and another 221 citations for a variety of other traffic violations.

Safety officials are relieved that there were no traffic fatalities over the holiday weekend. Since January 1<sup>st</sup>, 114 people have been killed in Delaware motor vehicle crashes. Forty-one (or 36%) of those fatalities have been alcohol-related. Just over half (51%) of this year's 99 fatal traffic *crashes* are attributed to acts of aggressive driving, with more than a third of those listed as speed related.

The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Safe Family Holiday campaign runs from Thanksgiving through New Year's Eve and involves a combination of high visibility enforcement efforts and public awareness activities.

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